

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for online purchasing involving database registration utilizing database registration instructions, the method comprising:

determining the type of a web browser being utilized by a user computer that is accessing a first database;

sending a web page to the user computer that is in a format that is compatible with the web browser being utilized by the user computer;

requesting a user identifier from the user computer via a first input field of a first graphical user interface displaying the web page;

receiving the user identifier of a user via the first input field of the first graphical user interface;

sending a query to the first database based at least in part on the user identifier;

receiving a first data values from the first database, the first data value being associated with the user for purposes of identifying the user and being displayed via a display field of the first graphical user interface;

prompting for and receiving a second data values from a data source via a second input field of the first graphical user interface, the second data values being associated with the user for purposes of electronic procurement authorization, the data source being different from the first database;

prompting the user to enter one or more additional data values via one or more corresponding input fields of the first graphical user interface, wherein the user has the option to input one or more additional data values;

storing from the display field, the second input field, and the corresponding input fields of the first graphical user interface the first data value, the second data value and the additional data value in a second database such that the first data value from the first database, the second data values from the data source and the additional data values are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently, the second database being different from the first database;

periodically updating the first and second databases such that both data bases maintain a common configuration; ~~and~~

updating one or more parameters regarding uploading of the first data value, the second data value and the additional data value to the second database using a second graphical user interface; and

upon an attempt of the user to make a purchase via the online purchasing system, utilizing the data stored in the second database to authorize and complete the purchase.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising validating the second data value.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first data value is a validated data value.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the second data value includes receiving the second data value via a computer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising sending at least in part an applet to the computer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein sending at least in part the applet to the computer includes sending graphical user interface data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising receiving purchasing card information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the purchasing card information includes a purchasing card number of a purchasing card and an identification of an owner of the purchasing card.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the purchasing card is selected from the group consisting of a credit card and a debit card.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the owner of the purchasing card is different from the user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising sending an electronic communication to the owner of the purchasing card, the electronic communication related to determining whether the user is authorized to use the purchasing card.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing a third data value and a fourth data value in the second database, the third data value and the fourth data value being associated with the user, the third data value and the fourth data value being received from one of the data source and the first database.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising selectively sending at least one of and less than all of the first data value, the second data value, the third data value, and the fourth data value.

14-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A system for database registration, the system comprising:

- a first server including database registration instructions;

- a first database and one or more related databases coupled to the first server, the first database to store at least in part a first data value associated with a user;

- a computer coupled to the first server, the computer providing a first graphical user interface to receive a second set of data values associated with the user for purposes of electronic procurement authorization via a second set of input fields of the first graphical user interface, the computer to receive the first set of data values from the first database for purposes of identifying the user and display the first set of data values via a display field of the graphical user interface in response to receiving a user identifier via a first input field of the graphical user interface, wherein the computer allows the user to enter one or more additional data values via one or more additional input fields of the first graphical user interface, wherein further a portion of the graphical user interface is a

Java applet including one or more Active Server Pages supporting a plurality of panel indicators, wherein the applet prompts the user by presenting pre-approved affiliates in a drop down list for selection by the user, by presenting a plurality of input fields for entry of transactional account numbers available for use by the user, by presenting a plurality of input fields for entry of organizational codes and tracking units for purchases to be made by the user;

an online purchasing system comprising a second database and one or more related databases coupled to the computer, the second database to receive the first set of data values, the second set of data values and the additional data values from the display field, the second input field and the one or more additional input fields of the graphical user interface of the computer, the second database to store the first set of data values, the second set of data values and the additional data values such that the first data value from the first database, the second set of data values and the additional data values are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently, wherein further the computer provides a second graphical user interface to receive parameters regarding uploading the first set of data values and second set of data values and the additional data values to the second database;

wherein upon the applet receiving the first set of data values and user input via the input fields, the applet attempts to connect to the second database and displaying an indication of being connected in the graphical user interface when the connection is successful and otherwise not displaying the indication of being connected;

via the applet, prompting for user input to confirm that the indication of being connected is displayed;

when user input confirms that the indication of being connected is displayed, then via the applet; and

upon an attempt of the user to make a purchase via the online purchasing system, the online purchasing system utilizes the data stored in the second database to authorize and complete the purchase.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein:

the first server includes a first server processor and a first server memory, the first server memory including a plurality of instructions configured to be executed by the server, the plurality of instructions configured to be executed by the server including the database registration instructions; and

the computer includes a processor and a memory, the memory including a plurality of instructions configured to be executed by the processor, the plurality of instructions configured to be executed by the processor including at least a portion of the database registration instructions, the at least a portion of the database registration instructions being received from the first server.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein:

the computer is to receive purchasing card information corresponding to one of the transactional account numbers; and

the second database is to store the received purchasing card information.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein:

the computer is to receive purchasing card information corresponding to one of the transactional account numbers;

the second database is to store the purchasing card information; and

the database registration instructions include instructions to validate the purchasing card information.

26-40 (Cancelled).

41. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a plurality of instructions to be executed by a processor for database registration, the plurality of instructions comprising instructions to:

receive a user identifier of a user via a first input field of a graphical user interface;

send a query to a first database based at least in part on the user identifier;

receive a first set of data values of a first set of data fields from the first database, the first set of data values being associated with the user for purposes of identifying the user and being displayed via a display field of the graphical user interface;

receive a second set of data values from a data source via a second set of input fields of the graphical user interface, the second set of data values being associated with the user for purposes of electronic procurement authorization, the data source being different from the first database; ~~and~~

prompt the user to enter one or more additional data values via one or more corresponding input fields of the first graphical user interface, wherein the user has the option to input one or more additional data values, the prompting comprising presenting the pre-approved affiliates in a drop down list for selection by the user, the prompting further comprising presenting a plurality of input fields for entry of transactional account numbers available for use by the user, the prompting further comprising presenting a plurality of input fields for entry of organizational codes and tracking units for purchases to be made by the user;

upon receiving the first set of data values, second set of data values, and user input via the input fields, attempt to connect to a second database of an online purchasing system and displaying an indication of being connected in the graphical user interface when the connection is successful and otherwise not displaying the indication of being connected;

prompt for user input to confirm that the indication of being connected is displayed;

when user input confirms that the indication of being connected is displayed, then store from the display field and the second input field of the graphical user interface the first set of data values and the second set of data values in a second database such that the first set of data values from the first database and the second set of data values from the data source are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently, the second database being different from the first database; and

upon an attempt of the user to make a purchase via the online purchasing system, utilize the data stored in the second database to authorize and complete the purchase.

42. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the instructions to receive the first set of data values from the first database include instructions to receive a validated first set of data values from the first database.

43. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, further comprising instructions to validate the second set of data values.

44-45 (Cancelled)